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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert M. Osborne, 43, of Sparta, Wisconsin, entered a guilty plea yesterday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Crocker to a one count information charging that on August 16, 2005, he possessed cocaine base. Judge Crocker scheduled sentencing for January 13, 2006. Osborne faces a maximum penalty of one year in prison.

The charge against Robert M. Osborne is the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the La Crosse Police Department, and the West Central Drug Enforcement Unit which culminated in the execution of a federal search warrant at his home on Sparta on August 16. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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